



Status Report

Implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

The Florida Energy & Climate Commission (FECC) August 19, 2009 Meeting

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State Energy Program

- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) approved Programs for State Energy Program (SEP):
 - Solar Energy Rebates
 - Solar for Schools/Emergency Shelters
 - Solar for State Government
 - Residential Retrofit Program
 - Selected "Shovel-Ready Projects"
- Currently, working with the Office of the Governor's administration and legal to finalize procurement documents



State Energy Program (Continued)

DOE continues to review the following FECC proposals:

- Selected “Shovel-Ready” projects
- Renewable Energy Sector Grants
- Energy Opportunity Fund



State Energy Program (Continued)

- Recent FECC staff and DOE discussions focused on:
 - Requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - Limitations on use of funds for “economic development”
- FECC staff has requested a written opinion from DOE General Counsel



Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

- FECC application pending at DOE
- Staff has responded to DOE follow-up questions
- Request for Proposals (RFP) in development
- Continuing technical assistance to cities/counties



Energy Star Appliance Rebate Program

- Rule workshop held August 10, 2009
- Public comments due August 24, 2009
 - Funds to meet 50% state match
 - Utilize partner advertising from retail organizations and utilities
- Focus appliance selection on those best overall for Florida - particularly water conservation
 - Buy American provision
- Final application due October 15, 2009



Energy Assurance Grant

- Awarded to Florida August 12, 2009
- Next Steps:
 - Budget and work plan due to DOE October 12, 2009
 - Develop request for proposals for consultants
 - Develop agreements with other Agencies receiving funds



Energy Assurance Grant Deliverables

- For **FECC**, hire a consultant to review all current energy assurance documents
- For **Florida Public Service Commission (PSC)**, purchase software to monitor electric outages with mapping capability
- For **Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)**, hire a consultant to update their critical energy infrastructure database
- For **Emergency Operations Center**:
 - Hire an OPS position to help coordinate training & exercises
 - Hire a consultant to develop training materials & exercises
 - Conduct 2 in-state energy related training exercises
 - Participate in one interstate regional energy training exercise



DOE Inspector General Visit

- Week of August 31, 2009
- Visit will focus on:
 - Internal controls
 - Oversight of sub-grantees
 - Reporting requirements
 - Training